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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein; and

please amend claims 11, 15 and 32-34 as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A flexible container with a sealable closure system comprising:

an envelope type enclosure having impermeable walls;

an opening being defined at an upper portion of the enclosure;

two rigid bars being configured to tightly engage edges of the opening in order to seal the enclosure closed;

each of the two rigid bars being fixed to a flap at different locations;

at least one of the two rigid bars being movable; and

a system for locking the two rigid bars together,

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wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together engages the two rigid bars at both ends of the two rigid bars, and

wherein the two rigid bars are arranged opposite one another when the system for locking the two rigid bars together engages the two rigid bars at both ends of the rigid bars.

12. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the flexible container is adapted to store valuables in a nautical environment.

13. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the flexible container is adapted to be opened and closed often.

14. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the two rigid bars are arranged parallel to one another.

15. (Currently Amended) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein each of the two rigid bars are movably mounted to the ~~enclosure~~ flap and are each configured to be correctly positioned adjacent an edge of the enclosure before tightening.

Claims 16-18. (Canceled).

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19. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together comprises at least one of locking elements and foldable tongues.

20. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together comprises foldable tongues, each foldable tongue having an opening that is sized to confine one end of each of the two rigid bars.

21. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together comprises locking members, each locking member having an opening that is sized to confine one end of each of the two rigid bars.

22. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together comprise elastic lugs, each elastic lug having a projection which releasably engages one end of at least one of the two rigid bars.

23. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together comprise elastic lugs, each elastic lug having one end that is attached to one of the two rigid bars and another end which releasably engages one end the

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other of the two rigid bars.

24. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, further comprising a compressible member arranged on an inner surface of at least one of the edges of the opening.

25. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, further comprising a compressible member arranged on an inner surface of each of the edges of the opening.

26. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 25, wherein each compressible member is attached to an edge by one of gluing and fixing.

27. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 25, wherein the compressible members are configured to movably engage each other when the enclosure is opened and closed.

28. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 25, wherein the compressible members are arranged opposite one another.

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29. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the edges are configured to be stiffened by strips made of a metal or a synthetic material.

30. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the flexible container is adapted to at least one of trap air or gas and to float.

31. (Previously Presented) The flexible container of claim 11, wherein the impermeable walls are deformable.

32. (Currently Amended) The flexible container of claim 11, further comprising ~~a flap~~ ~~having~~ a mechanism for releasably securing the flap on one of the impermeable walls.

33. (Currently Amended) A flexible container with a sealable closure system comprising:

an envelope ~~type~~ enclosure having impermeable walls;

an opening being defined at an upper portion of the enclosure;

two rigid bars being configured to tightly engage edges of the opening in order to seal the enclosure closed;

each of the two rigid bars being fixed to a flap at different locations;

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one of the two rigid bars being positioned against one of the impermeable walls when the enclosure is closed;

another of the two rigid bars being positioned against another of the impermeable walls when the enclosure is closed; and

a system for locking the two rigid bars together,

wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together engages the two rigid bars,

and

wherein the two rigid bars are arranged opposite one another when the system for locking the two rigid bars together engages the two rigid bars at both ends of the two rigid bars.

34. (Currently Amended) A flexible container with a sealable closure system comprising:

an envelope ~~type~~ enclosure having impermeable walls and a movable flap;

an opening being defined at an upper portion of the enclosure;

two rigid bars being configured to tightly engage edges of the opening in order to seal the enclosure closed;

each of the two rigid bars being fixed to the movable flap at different locations;

one of the two rigid bars being positioned against one of the impermeable walls when

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the enclosure is closed;

another of the two rigid bars being positioned against another of the impermeable walls when the enclosure is closed; and

a system for locking the two rigid bars together,

wherein the system for locking the two rigid bars together engages the two rigid bars,

and

~~wherein at least one of the rigid bars is coupled to the flap, and~~

~~wherein the other of the two rigid bars is coupled to one of the flap and an outer surface of one of the impermeable walls~~

wherein the two rigid bars are arranged opposite one another when the system for locking the two rigid bars together engages the two rigid bars at both ends of the two rigid bars.